

**STANDARDS PRESENTATION  
TO  
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

Attachment No. 1

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PROPOSED STATE STANDARD,  
TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4

Amend Section 8615(g) to read as follows:

§8615. Overhead Lines.

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(f)(1) Elevated Work Platforms. Unless standard railings meeting the requirements of Section 3209 of the General Industry Safety Orders are provided, suitable personal fall-arresting protection devices as specified in subsection (g) ~~such as safety straps and body belts~~ shall be used while working on elevated work platforms including aerial splicing platforms, pole platforms, ladder platforms, pole balconies and pole seats.

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(g) Fall Protection. When work is performed at elevated locations ~~where the employee's feet are at a position~~ more than 4 feet (1.2 meters) above ground on poles, towers or similar structures, the employer shall require the employees to use either fall arrest equipment, work positioning equipment, or travel restricting equipment, if other fall protection methods have not been provided (e.g., guardrails, safety nets, etc.). ~~The use of body belts and or safety/safety belts and safety straps and/or lanyards for fall arrest systems is prohibited.~~  
EXCEPTION: Point to point travel by a qualified person, unless conditions such as ice, high winds (as defined in Section 2951(f) of the High Voltage Electrical Safety Orders), design of the structure, or other conditions (e.g., chemical contaminants) prevent the employee from gaining a firm hand or foothold while traveling.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.